



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

May 30, 2014

The following summary contains various incidents of general interest as well as vehicular crashes handled by the Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department from May 23, 2014 – May 29, 2014. Readers are reminded that an “arrest” is based upon probable cause and does not always mean that someone was physically taken into custody. Furthermore, it does not mean that an individual is automatically guilty of a crime. Judicial outcomes and post-arrest proceedings can be researched through the appropriate court’s website.

(VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS is not meant to be a listing of every incident or call handled by the Vienna Police, but merely a more substantive summary of several incidents, which may be of interest to the community. Some reports may be outside the date parameters due to extended investigations or other circumstances. Some cases are not included at all due to ongoing investigations. Please contact MPO Gary Lose for further information at glose@viennava.gov)

INCIDENTS

Petit Larceny 14-05907

200 Block Tapawingo Road, SE

May 20 between 12:01 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.

A resident reported that on two occasions someone entered his unlocked vehicle while it was parked in front of his residence, stealing candy.

The unknown person also left a winter hat in the vehicle that was turned into our department.

Animal Case – Quarantine 14-05689

The Hope Center

140 Park Street, NE

May 21 8:00 p.m.

An employee reported a dog bit her while she was attempting a medical procedure. The dog will be quarantined at their facility until it is released to the owner who resides in Arlington County.

This case has been turned over to the Arlington County Animal Welfare League for follow up.

Suspicious Event 14-05683

Pennywise Thrift Store

144 Church Street, NE

Between May 22 at 4:00 p.m. and May 23 at 9:30 a.m.

An employee reported a suspicious note the business had received regarding poor customer service. Nothing in the note appeared to be threatening.

The employee was advised to notify our department if they notice anything else suspicious.

Arrest - Hit and Run 14-05671

500 Block Tapawingo Road, SW

May 23 12:18 a.m.

MPO Sheeran and Officer Slebonick were responding to a suspicious vehicle, when they were dispatched to a hit and run involving a vehicle matching the description of the suspicious vehicle.

The officers located a vehicle with damage, matching the description of the striking vehicle, parked in front of a residence in the 100 Block of Tapawingo Road, SW. Officer Slebonick located the driver of the vehicle at the residence who admitted to striking a vehicle and leaving the scene. Her information was obtained and provided to the owner of the vehicle she struck.

Officer Slebonick arrested Ms. Gabriella A. M. Cagampan, 22, of Tapawingo Road, SW, Vienna, Virginia. She was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where she was charged with Hit and Run and Reckless Driving.

Ms. Cacampan was released on her signature and transported back to her home.

Suspicious Event 14-05679

Cedar Lane School

101 Cedar Lane, SW

May 23 between 6:45 a.m. and 7:50 a.m.

School Security reported that a juvenile had left the school without permission, by jumping from a window. Officers searched the area, but were unable to locate the juvenile.

The juvenile's mother was notified immediately.

School officials will follow up on this case.

Assault 14-05691
Cedar Lane School
101 Cedar Lane, SW
May 23 1:40 p.m.

Officers responded to the school for a report of a fight between two students who were on “in-school suspension.” The two students had been arguing when one student attacked the other. That student then began walking around the hallways punching lockers and injured his hand.

His mother was contacted and responded to the school. The student was released to his mother who will seek medical attention for him.

This case is being investigated.

Lost Property 14-05871
200 Block Maple Avenue, NE
May 23 between 4:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

A citizen reported losing his Washington DC driver’s license in the area.

Missing Person – Juvenile 14-05696
Blair Road, NW
May 23 7:01 p.m.

A resident reported her juvenile daughter missing. The juvenile was located at a friend’s house and returned home.

Trespass 14-05697
Vienna Inn
120 Maple Avenue, East
May 23 7:45 p.m.

An employee requested the police respond in regard to a customer who refused to leave.

Officer Tremont informed the customer, based on the wishes of the employee that she was to leave the Vienna Inn and not return.

Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated 14-05720

Maple Avenue and Beulah Road, NE

May 24 3:40 a.m.

Officer Tremont was on patrol when he observed the driver of a vehicle commit a series of traffic violations. As a result of those violations he conducted a traffic stop. Upon his interaction with the driver he detected the signs of possible impairment. After failing to complete a series of field sobriety tests he arrested Ms. May Ladan Safari, 43, of Elmendorf Drive, Oakton, Virginia for Driving While Intoxicated.

Ms. Safari was transported to the Vienna Police Station where she was given the opportunity to provide a sample of her breath for analysis. After the analysis she was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where she was charged with Driving While Intoxicated.

Ms. Safari was to be held until she was sober.

Grand Larceny 14-05745

Vienna Town Green

144 Maple Avenue, East

May 24 3:04 p.m.

A citizen reported she had been sitting on a park bench near the WO&D Bike Trail for approximately 15 minutes. When she went to leave she discovered her purse (containing cash, identification, credit cards, etc) had been taken.

This case is under investigation.

Animal Case – Quarantine 14-05858

The Hope Center

140 Park Street, SE

May 24 6:00 p.m.

An employee reported she was bit while attempting to perform a medical procedure on a cat. The cat was released to the owner who resides in Culpeper County.

This case has been turned over to the Culpeper County Health Department for follow up.

Arrest – Narcotics Violation 14-05750

200 Block Nutley Street, NW

May 24 10:30 p.m.

MPO Smith was on patrol when he observed a vehicle being operated with defective equipment. As a result of that defective equipment he conducted a traffic stop. Upon his interaction with the driver and the occupants he determined that the vehicle had been borrowed.

MPO Smith requested the owner of the vehicle be contacted and respond to the location.

Upon the owner's arrival and her interaction with MPO Smith a measurable amount of marijuana and marijuana paraphernalia were located inside the vehicle.

MPO Smith released Ms. Mykal Gaynelle Saunders, 32, of Governors Grove in Upper Marlboro, Maryland on a summons charging Possession of Marijuana.

Narcotics Violation 14-05752

200 Block Moore Avenue, SE

May 24 11:22 p.m.

A resident requested police respond for a report of other juveniles trying to get into her house, believing there was a party there. Sgt Juelharte noticed several males walking from the side of the house and getting into two vehicles.

Upon interaction with the three juvenile males in one of the vehicles she detected the odor of marijuana emanating from the vehicle. Sgt. Juelharte then located a measurable amount of marijuana and a glass smoking device on one of the juveniles and additional marijuana in the vehicle.

The three juveniles were either released to the custody of their parents or another adult relative.

This case is being investigated. (See Incident # 14-5756 for additional charges related to this incident)

Arrest - Narcotics Violation 14-05756

200 Block Moore Avenue, SE

May 24 11:22 p.m.

While investigating Incident #14-05752 Sgt. Juelharte interviewed the driver of the second vehicle, identified as Mr. Alex Ghaffari. She also detected an odor of marijuana emitting from his vehicle.

Sgt. Juelharte located marijuana, beer and liquor in the vehicle.

Alexander Hassan Ghaffari, 19, of Snead Lane in South Riding, Virginia was released on two summonses charging Possession of Marijuana and Under Age Possession of Alcohol.

Arrest – Narcotics Violation 14-05755

100 Block Courthouse Road, SW

May 24 11:59 p.m.

MPO Smith was on patrol when he observed a vehicle being operated with defective equipment. As a result of the defective equipment he conducted a traffic stop. Upon his interaction with the driver he observed marijuana flakes on the driver's shirt. He also located a measurable amount of marijuana and other marijuana paraphernalia in the vehicle.

The driver, Iqbal Mohammad Darab, 19, of Cottage Street, SW in Vienna was released on a summons charging Possession of Marijuana.

Animal Case 14-05793

500 Block Kibler Circle, SW

May 25 9:13 a.m.

ACO Barker responded for a dog that had been running at large and was now in the custody of an area resident.

The dog was taken to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter where attempts will be made to locate the owner.

Petit Larceny 14-05787, 14-05767, 14-05897, 14-05898, 14-05901

400 Block Talahi Road, SE

May 25 4:25 p.m.

A resident reported that as she was leaving her home to go on a bike ride when she noticed a man rummaging through her vehicle and a woman standing to the rear of her vehicle, as it was parked in her open garage. She stated when the man noticed her approaching, he and the woman fled from her garage with a bag of oranges. The resident gave chase on her bicycle and was able to catch them and persuaded them to return to her home to speak with the responding police officers. Upon returning the resident discovered a bicycle, which did not belong to her, lying next to her vehicle.

SGT Sylmar and MPO Evans responded and after speaking with both the man and woman they determined that the couple had entered several vehicles in the area and had stolen property from those vehicles.

MPO Evans arrested Mr. Brian Rogger Cueva, 19 of Patrick Street in Vienna and Ms. Monica Nicole Custode Ron, 18, of Fort Chimney Drive in Centreville, Virginia for Vehicle Tampering and Larceny.

Mr. Cueva and Ms. Custode Ron were transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where Mr. Cueva was charged with Vehicle Tampering (two counts), Grand Larceny (two counts), Petit Larceny and Possession of Alcohol Underage. Ms. Custode Ron was charged with Possession of Stolen Property.

Mr. Cueva was held without bond and Ms. Custode Ron was released on her signature.

Petit Larceny 14-05821

ViVa Vienna Festival

100 Block Church Street, NW

Between May 25 at 6:30 p.m. and May 26 at 9:30 a.m.

A member of the Church of the Holy Comforter reported a snowman cutout had been taken from their booth at the ViVa Vienna Festival.

Animal Case 14-05788

The Hope Center

140 Park Street, SE

May 25 6:39 p.m.

An employee of The Hope Center advised of an injured stray cat that had been left by a unknown citizen at their facility.

Officer Herrera transported the cat to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter where it will be treated by their veterinarian.

Found Property 14-05792

Vienna Volunteer Fire Station

400 Center Street, South

May 25 8:52 p.m.

A member of the staff advised they found a camera while cleaning up after the "Taste of Vienna" festival in April. No one had returned to the Fire Station to claim it.

The camera is being held at the Vienna Police Station until the owner can be identified.

Grand Larceny 14-05798

Whole Foods

143 Maple Avenue, East

May 25 between 9:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

A citizen reported her bike and bike lock had been taken from the bike rack where she had secured them.

This case is being investigated.

Arrest – Drunk in Public 14-05797

200 Block Maple Avenue, East

May 25 9:50 p.m.

Officer Herrera responded to the area for the report of a female stumbling across the road and almost being struck by several vehicles.

Officer Herrera located the female and determined she was extremely intoxicated. She had visible bruises but declined to be seen by rescue. As a result of her intoxication, he arrested Ms. Odilia Isabel Fuentes, 56, of Hillcrest Drive, SW in Vienna for Drunk in Public.

Ms. Fuentes was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where she was to be held until she was sober.

Grand Larceny 14-05799

Church Street at Dominion Road, NE

May 25 between 9:50 p.m. and 10:20 p.m.

A Vienna Police motorcycle helmet and wireless radio headset had been taken from a parked police motorcycle during the ViVa Vienna festival.

This case is under investigation.

Grand Larceny 14-05829

Sushi Yama

328 Maple Avenue, East

Between May 25 at 11:00 p.m. and May 26 at 11:46 a.m.

An employee reported placing his laptop computer and wallet on the trunk of his vehicle while it was parked in the restaurant's parking lot. He later realized they were missing.

Arrest – Alcohol Violation 14-05802

1000 Block Park Street, SE

May 26 12:57 a.m.

Officer Herrera was on patrol when he observed the driver of a vehicle commit a traffic violation. As a result of that violation he conducted a traffic stop. Upon his interaction with the occupants he detected the odor of alcohol. The passenger produced a glass of alcohol that he had been drinking.

The passenger, Ivan Jason Boyd, 35, of Yeonas Drive in Vienna was released on a summons for Drinking in Public.

Arrest – Narcotic Violation 14-05803

McDonalds Restaurant

544 Maple Avenue, West

May 26 2:02 a.m.

While on foot patrol Officer Digan observed a vehicle occupied by 4 people in the rear parking lot of the McDonalds Restaurant. As he walked past the vehicle he detected the odor of marijuana and could see the smoke in the vehicle. Upon his interaction with the occupants he located a measurable amount of marijuana and a glass smoking device in the vehicle.

The driver of the vehicle, Mr. William Hubert Skipper III, 19, of Sledding Hill Road in Oakton, Virginia was released on a summons charging Possession of Marijuana.

Suspicious Event 14-05810

The Virginian Restaurant

169 Glyndon Street, SE

May 26 8:13 a.m.

An employee reported an incident that had occurred a few days before when a man and woman attempted to pay for their meal with what the employee believed was a counterfeit bill. The bill was not accepted and a different form of payment was used.

Business Alarm 14-05831

Vienna Vintner

233 Maple Avenue, East

May 26 at 1:18 p.m.

Officer Slebonick responded to an alarm at the Vienna Vintner and found the front door open. Officers searched the business, finding everything in order.

An employee of the business responded and secured the door.

Arrest – Driving on a Revoked-DUI Related License 14-05851

Park Street at Locust Street, SE

May 26 11:02 p.m.

Officer Tracy was on routine patrol when he observed a vehicle with expired Virginia license plates and initiated a traffic stop on it.

The driver was identified as Mr. George Vassie, 29, of Talahi Road, SE in Vienna. A check of Mr. Vassie's license revealed that his license was suspended stemming from 3 previous Driving While Intoxicated charges.

Mr. Vassie was arrested for Driving on a Revoked-DUI Related License. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was held on a \$1000 bond.

Arrest – Drunk in Public 14-05853

200 Block Cedar Lane, SE

May 27 12:57 a.m.

Sgt. Farhan was on patrol in the Cedar Lane Shopping Center when he observed a male staggering in the roadway. Upon his interaction with the male he determined he was intoxicated, and as a result of his intoxication he arrested Jose Amil Cal Sorto, 32, No Fixed Address, for Drunk in Public.

Mr. Sorto was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was to be held until he was sober.

Found Property 14-05854

100 Block Maple Avenue, West

May 27 2:52 a.m.

A citizen reported a bicycle that had been left in the area for several days.

The bicycle will be held at the Vienna Police Station until the owners can be identified.

Tobacco Violation 14-05869

Cedar Lane School

101 Cedar Lane, SW

May 27 1:00 p.m.

Officer Slebonick responded to assist with a juvenile who had left the school property. The juvenile was located and transported back to the school without incident.

The juvenile was in possession of cigarettes and a lighter which were confiscated by the officer, and the juvenile was then released to the school staff.

Lost Property 14-05948

300 Block Maple Avenue, West

May 27 1:00 p.m.

A citizen reported losing an envelope containing cash.

Suspicious Event 14-05870

900 Block Circle Drive, SE

May 27 2:30 p.m.

A resident, who is taking care of a neighbor's house, reported that the estranged husband of the former resident was attempting to enter the residence. The resident stated he did not believe the estranged husband had authority to enter the residence.

Lt. Marsh responded to the residence and after speaking with the estranged husband and the family of the former resident determined that this is a civil matter and not a matter for the police. He informed the estranged husband to seek legal advice.

Animal Case 14-05876

Vienna Park Apartments Rental Office

212 Block Cedar Lane, SE

May 27 4:39 p.m.

An employee recovered a kitten behind their office. MPO Oliver transported the kitten to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter.

Burglary 14-05965

300 John Marshall Drive, NE

Between May 27 at 8:00 a.m. and May 29 at 4:20 p.m.

A citizen reported a burglary to a vacant residence. The citizen has been periodically checking the residence for the homeowner who has recently moved from the area. She found that someone forced entry into the home and possibly removed some items.

This case is being investigated.

Trespassing 14-05881

500 Block Orchard Street, NW

May 27 7:28 p.m.

A resident requested police assistance with a family member who was not welcome at the residence.

Officer Lyons spoke to the family member and advised him that if he returns he would be charged with trespass. The family member left without further incidence.

Domestic Dispute 14-05883

100 Block Melody Lane, SW

May 27 7:43 p.m.

A resident reported a verbal argument between his mother and her boyfriend. Sgt. Farhan spoke to all three subjects and determined that the argument had not turned physical.

The boyfriend stated that he would be leaving the residence to return to his home.

Suspicious Person 14-05885

400 Block Malcolm Road, NW

May 27 9:40 p.m.

A resident reported a suspicious male, who appeared drunk, walking through his front yard.

Officer Lyons located the male, who was cooperative but highly intoxicated. Fairfax County's Detox Unit was requested and responded to transport the male to their center.

Narcotics Violation 14-05908

500 Block Alma Street, SE

May 28 12:40 p.m.

Sgt. Sylmar was working a traffic assignment in the area of Follin Lane and Alma Street, SE when he observed the driver of a vehicle commit a traffic violation. As a result of the violation he conducted a traffic stop. Upon his interaction with the juvenile driver he detected an odor of marijuana.

Sgt. Sylmar located marijuana and several smoking devices in the vehicle. The juvenile's father was notified and advised of the situation.

This case is being investigated.

Suspicious Event 14-05921

400 Block Yeonas Drive, SW

May 28 5:41 p.m.

A resident reported she received a telephone call from an individual claiming to be employed by the IRS. The caller stated the resident owed money from back taxes and wanted her to go to either Home Depot or Safeway to make a cash money drop. The resident recognized this to be a scam and immediately reported the call to our department.

Note to Citizens – *Recently there have been reports of callers claiming to be employees of the IRS. The callers claim the resident has either committed tax fraud or had improperly filed previous tax returns. The caller informs the resident to send a Western Union payment or purchase a prepaid debit card, for payment, or the resident will be arrested. This type of call is a scam. Never send a payment unless you have verified the validity of the caller.*

Medical Case 14-05930

Blair Road, NW

May 28 9:33 p.m.

Rescue responded for a juvenile female with minor injuries. The juvenile was transported by ambulance to an area hospital for treatment.

Domestic Dispute 14-05971

Melody Lane, SW

May 29 10:51 p.m.

Officers responded to a report of loud screams and noises. Officer Herrera and MPO Smith spoke to the residents and found this to be an argument between a mother and daughter. The argument had not turned physical.

CRASHES

500 Block Tapawingo Road, SW 14-05671

May 23 12:15 a.m.

A driver was traveling eastbound on Tapawingo Road when she struck a vehicle that was legally parked on the side of the road.

The driver did not stop at the scene of the accident and proceeded home where police located her a short time later. (*See Incident number 14-05671 above*)

500 Block Maple Avenue, West 14-05688

May 23 10:45 a.m.

The drivers of two vehicles were eastbound on Maple Avenue in the same lane of travel. The first vehicle was stopped in traffic. The driver of the second vehicle failed to stop and ran into the rear of the first vehicle.

The driver of the second vehicle was issued a summons for Failure to Pay Full Time and Attention.

Nutley Street and Princeton Terrace, SW 14-05748

May 24 7:10 p.m.

Three vehicles were traveling southbound on Nutley Street, in the same lane of travel, when the driver of the first vehicle slammed on her brakes to make a legal u-turn at the intersection of Princeton Terrace. The driver of the second vehicle slammed on his brakes, but stated he did not initially strike the first vehicle. The driver of the third vehicle observed the second driver slam on his brakes and she then slammed on hers. The driver of the third vehicle then struck the rear of the second vehicle, pushing it forward into the first vehicle.

The driver of the second vehicle advised the first driver stopped but observed no damage to her vehicle, so she left the area continuing north on Nutley Street.

The driver of the third vehicle was issued two summonses for Following too Close and No Operator's License in Possession.

Orrin Street near Delano Drive, SE 14-05751

May 24 10:59 p.m.

A driver going eastbound on Orrin Street reported swerving to the right to miss an animal in the roadway and struck the curb. Damage was done to the vehicles right front tire.

A witness walking in the area confirmed the description of how the accident occurred.

Lawyers Road at Church Street, NW 14-05780

May 25 1:41 p.m.

Two drivers were traveling southbound on Lawyers Road. The driver of the first vehicle attempted to change lanes in violation of "Fail to Obey Highway Markings".

The driver of the second vehicle attempted to pass the other vehicle by going around her using the turn lane for Church Street while continuing straight on Lawyers Road, in violation "Improper Use of a Turn Lane."

The first driver struck the right rear quarter panel of the second vehicle with the front left corner of her vehicle.

Both drivers agreed they were both at fault in the accident.

100 Block Branch Road, SE 14-05884

May 27 8:40 p.m.

Two drivers were in the left northbound lane of Branch Road at Maple Avenue. The first driver realized he was in the wrong lane and attempted to back up, striking the other vehicle.

100 Block Pleasant Street, SW 14-05909

May 28 12:44 p.m.

The driver of the first vehicle was traveling southbound on Pleasant Street, SW. The driver of the second vehicle did not see the first vehicle and exited from a parking lot onto the roadway striking the first vehicle.

Maple Avenue, East near Center Street, North 14-05966

May 29 4:29 p.m.

Two drivers were traveling westbound in the same lane on Maple Avenue, East approaching Center Street. The first driver came to a stop behind other vehicles at a red traffic light. The second driver did not notice the first driver had stopped and ran into the back of his vehicle.

The driver of the second vehicle was issued a summons charging Failure to Pay Full Time and Attention.

CASE UPDATES

None.

OF INTEREST/ CITIZEN NOTES

Please Note: *Remove all valuables from an unattended vehicle and most importantly, lock the vehicle doors.*

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MEDIA RELEASES



Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department Media Information Release

Town of Vienna Police Officer Conor Tracy Receives 2014 V.A.S.A.P./M.A.D.D. Award



(Pictured above from left to right are Deputy Chief Dan Janickey, Officer Conor Tracy and Colonel Jim Morris.)

On May 02, 2014 Officer Conor Tracy was honored for his enforcement efforts against drunk and impaired drivers. The Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program (V.A.S.A.P.) in Fairfax County and Mothers Against Drunk Driving (M.A.D.D.) held its annual awards ceremony at the Tysons Westpark Hotel in McLean, Virginia. The Annual Awards for Excellence in Community Service and Safety honored many local police officers and deputy sheriffs from various agencies for their efforts to combat drunk driving.

Every year since 1991 V.A.S.A.P. and M.A.D.D. have honored area law enforcement officers and others for their efforts in enforcing and prosecuting the drunken driving laws of the Commonwealth.

Officer Tracy has been a member of the Vienna Police Department since 2011. In addition to his duties as a patrol officer, Officer Tracy is also an Intoxilyzer Operator for the Commonwealth of Virginia, a R.A.D. (Rape Aggression and Defense) instructor, a Patrol Rifle Operator and a Bicycle Patrol Officer.

Interested in becoming a Vienna police officer?

Consider joining one of the premier law enforcement agencies in Northern Virginia. The Town of Vienna Police Department offers a competitive salary, excellent benefits.

For application information please call 703-255-6350 or visit:

<http://agency.governmentjobs.com/vienna/default.cfm>

Citizens are reminded to PLEASE call and report suspicious activity. Even if you choose not to provide your name or other personal information, we still need your help as extra eyes and ears in the community.

See or Hear Something? Say Something!
We *WANT* to be Bothered! Call 9-1-1.

Please contact MPO Gary Lose for further information on any of these cases at glose@viennava.gov or 703-255-6396.